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PENDING CASES OF PCO/ ISD/ STD BOOTHS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of PCO/STD/ISD booths installed in West Bengal, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and NER during the last three years, district-wise, category-wise;

(b) the number of applications lying pending for the installation of such booths in these States;

(c) the reasons for their pendency; and

(d) the time by which these applications are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS ANDINFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The number of applications lying pending are given in the Annexure.

(c) The reasons for pendency of the applications are:-

(i) Non-availability of U/G cable pairs in the area.

(ii) Non-availability of hardware (CCM Cards) in the exchanges.

(iii) Non-availability of WLL based Fixed Wireless Telephones (FWTs).

(iv) Poor coverage of WLL signal due to shortage of WLL Towers

(BTSs).

(v) Non completion of documents by the franchisee.

(d) The pending applications are likely to be cleared by March, 2006.

ANNEXURE

PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR PCOs

SL NO.	NAME OF STATE	APPLICATIONS PENDING		
		LOCAL	STD/ISD	TOTAL
1.	Assam	0	0	0
2.	Meghalya	0	0	0
3.	Mizoram	0	0	0
4.	Tripura	0	2099	2099

5.	Manipur	0	3392	3392
6.	Nagaland	81	91	172
7	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
8.	West Bengal	84	3783	3867
9.	Kolkatta Telephone District	720	0	720
10.	Orissa	11	135	146
11.	Rajasthan	125	486	611
12.	Bihar	275	1664	1939
13.	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	0